रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं । इंडियन पेट्रोकैमिकल्स कारपोरेशन लि० वर्ष 1984–85 और 1985–86 में विभिन्न प्लास्टिक उपभोक्ता एककों को इन्डोथेन और प्रोलीप्रोपीलीन की आपूर्ति करते रहे हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोयले और कोक की सप्लाई न किया जाना

502. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1984 और 1985 के वर्षों के दौरान संबंधित राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकृत किए गए नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड कोयला और कोक सप्लाई नहीं कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) किसी भी नए डिपो को कोयला नहीं दिया जा रहा है क्योंकि कोयला विभाग यह चाहता है कि ऐसे डिपो के काम-काज की निगरानी के लिए, राज्य सरकारें कोयले के वितरण और प्रायोजन का काम अपने हाथ में ले लें । जब राज्य सरकारें यह जिम्मेदारी अपने ऊपर ले लेंगी तब ऐसे डिपो को कोयला सप्लाई कर दिया जाएगा ।

Coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board

503. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board contains large quantity of stones;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the boilers were damaged by the use of such coal;

(c) whether it is a fact that many officers have been charge-sheeted, but so far no punishment has been awarded; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir.

(b) There is no information about damage caused to the boilers by using such coal.

(c) and (d) To improve the quality of coal a number of measures have been taken such as (i) construction of Coal Handling Plants (ii) breaking up of oversized coal and segregation of extraneous material by manual means where CHPs do not exist; (iii) setting up of an independent quality control organisation in each coal company; and (iv) authorising Coal Controller to determine the grades of coal seems in the mines as also of the coal supplied to the consumers and for these purposes to take sample and arrange for the testing of coal *suo-moto* or if any complaint in this regard is made by any consumers.

The Power Houses have been asked to witness the loading of wagons and register immediate complaints. the Coal Controller to determine the weekly monitoring of quality complaints is being done in this Deptt. As a result of investigation of complaints disciplinary action has been taken against a number of persons in Central Coalfields Ltd. and other coal companies.

Exploration in North Bihar

504. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exploration has been made to find out petroleum and natural gas in North Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Geophysical surveys have been carried out in different areas in North Bihar. Wells were also drilled at Raxaul, Purnea and Gandak but they proved dry.

Closure of coal mines

505. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of coal mines were closed after nationalisation of coal mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result thereof a large number of labourers have been rendered unemployed;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a persistent demand to open these coal mines; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) Since nationalisation a few mines have been closed. The reasons for the closure were exhaustion of coal reserves, adverse economics etc. However, no worker was rendered unemployed on this account.

Coal India Ltd. has initiated steps for opening some of these closed mines having workable reserves through re-organisation schemes and formulation of new projects.

Converting petrol fuelled car into Compressed natural gas run car

506. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the O.N.G.C. has developed the technology for converting a conventional petrol fuelled car into compressed natural gas (C.N.C.) run car;

(b) whether the technology will be put to commercial use for consumer; and

(c) if so, by when it will be done and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) O.N.G.C. have experimented with the use of compressed Natural Gas in a Jeep by using an imported dual fuel conversion kit. The experiment has not reached the stage of commercial use.

Disposal of complaints by MRTP Commission

507. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average time taken by MRTP Commission to dispose of a complaint lodged by private dealers/consumers;

(b) the number of complaints lodged with the Commission during the year 1985 and disposed of by it concerning misuse of trade practices by private companies; and

(c) in how many cases during the above period compromises were effected between the parties by MRTP Commission and in how many cases the parties concerned went in appeal to higher courts against the decision of the Commission?